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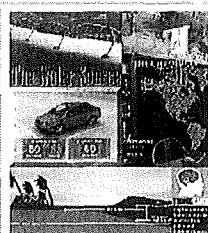
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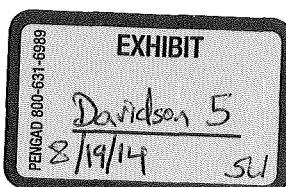
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Governor	Party	Home	Years in Office	Legislatures as Governor*
Rick Perry ¹	Republican	Austin, TX	December 21, 2000 - Present	76th - Present
George W. Bush ²	Republican	Midland, TX	January 17, 1995 - December 21, 2000	74th - 76th
Ann W. Richards	Democrat	Austin, TX	January 15, 1991 - January 17, 1995	72nd - 74th
Mark W. White, Jr.	Democrat	Houston, TX	January 18, 1983 - January 20, 1987	68th - 70th
William P. Clements	Republican	Dallas, TX	January 20, 1987 - January 15, 1991 January 16, 1979 - January 18, 1983	70th - 72nd 66th - 68th
Dolph Briscoe	Democrat	Uvalde, TX	January 16, 1973 - January 16, 1979	63rd - 66th
Preston Smith	Democrat	Lubbock, TX	January 21, 1969 - January 16, 1973	61st - 63rd
John B. Connally, Jr.	Democrat	Floresville, TX	January 15, 1963 - January 21, 1969	58th - 61st
Price Daniel, Sr.	Democrat	Liberty, TX	January 15, 1957 - January 15, 1963	55th - 58th
Robert Allan Shivers ³	Democrat	Port Arthur, TX	July 11, 1949 - January 15, 1957	51st - 55th
Beauford H. Jester ⁴	Democrat	Corsicana, TX	January 21, 1947 - July 11, 1949	50th - 51st
Coke R. Stevenson	Democrat	Junction, TX	August 4, 1941 - January 21, 1947	47th - 50th
W. Lee O'Daniel ⁵	Democrat	Fort Worth, TX	January 17, 1939 - August 4, 1941	46th - 47th
James V. Allred	Democrat	Wichita Falls, TX	January 15, 1935 - January 17, 1939	44th - 46th
Ross S. Sterling	Democrat	Houston, TX	January 20, 1931 - January 17, 1933	42nd - 43rd
Daniel J. Moody, Jr.	Democrat	Taylor, TX	January 17, 1927 - January 20, 1931	40th - 42nd
Miriam Ferguson	Democrat	Temple, TX	January 17, 1933 - January 15, 1935 January 20, 1925 - January 17, 1927	43rd - 44th 39th - 40th
Pat M. Neff	Democrat	Waco, TX	January 18, 1921 - January 20, 1925	37th - 39th
William P. Hobby	Democrat	Beaumont, TX	August 25, 1917 - January 18, 1921	35th - 37th
James E. Ferguson ⁶	Democrat	Temple, TX	January 19, 1915 - August 25, 1917	34th - 35th
Oscar Branch Colquitt	Democrat	Terrell, TX	January 17, 1911 - January 19, 1915	32nd - 34th
Thomas Mitchell Campbell	Democrat	Palestine, TX	January 15, 1907 - January 17, 1911	30th - 32nd
S.W.T. Lanham	Democrat	Weatherford, TX	January 20, 1903 - January 15, 1907	28th - 30th
Joseph D. Sayers	Democrat	Bastrop, TX	January 17, 1899 - January 20, 1903	26th - 28th
Charles A. Culberson	Democrat	Dallas, TX	January 15, 1895 - January 17, 1899	24th - 26th
James Stephen Hogg	Democrat	Quilman, TX	January 20, 1891 - January 15, 1895	22nd - 24th
Lawrence Sullivan Ross	Democrat	Waco, TX	January 18, 1887 - January 20, 1891	20th - 22nd
John Ireland	Democrat	Seguin, TX	January 16, 1883 - January 18, 1887	18th - 20th
Oran M. Roberts	Democrat	Tyler, TX	January 21, 1879 - January 16, 1883	16th - 18th
Richard B. Hubbard	Democrat	Tyler, TX	December 1, 1876 - January 21, 1879	15th - 16th
Richard Coke ⁷	Democrat	Waco, TX	January 15, 1874 - December 21, 1876	14th - 15th
Edmund J. Davis	Republican	Brownsville, TX	January 8, 1870 - January 15, 1874	11th - 14th
James W. Throckmorton	Democrat	McKinney, TX	August 9, 1866 - August 8, 1867	11th
Andrew J. Hamilton ⁸	Democrat	Austin, TX	June 17, 1865 - August 9, 1866	10th - 11th
Pendleton Murrah ⁹	Democrat	Marshall, TX	November 5, 1863 - June 17, 1865	10th
Francis R. Lubbock ¹⁰	Democrat	Houston, TX	November 7, 1861 - November 5, 1863	9th - 10th
Edward Clark	Democrat	Marshall, TX	March 16, 1861 - November 7, 1861	8th - 9th
Sam Houston ¹¹	Democrat	Huntsville, TX	December 21, 1859 - March 16, 1861	8th
Hardin R. Runnels	Democrat	Bowie County, TX	December 21, 1857 - December 21, 1859	7th - 8th
Elisha M. Pease ¹²	Republican Unionist	Austin, TX Brazoria, TX	June 8, 1867 - September 30, 1869 December 21, 1853 - December 21, 1857	11th 5th - 7th
James W. Henderson	Democrat	Houston, TX	November 23, 1853 - December 21, 1853	5th
Peter Hansbrough Bell ¹³	Democrat	San Antonio, TX	December 21, 1849 - November 23, 1853	3rd - 5th
George T. Wood	Democrat	Point Blank, TX	December 21, 1847 - December 21, 1849	2nd - 3rd
J. Pinckney Henderson	Democrat	San Augustine, TX	February 19, 1846 - December 21, 1847	1st - 2nd

*Includes outgoing service between beginning of legislative session and inauguration of new governor.

1. Sworn in after Bush resignation.
2. Resigned 12/21/2000.
3. Succeeded upon Jester's death. Elected in 1950, re-elected in 1952 and 1954.
4. Died in office.
5. Resigned to become U.S. Senator.
6. Impeached.
7. Resigned to enter U.S. Senate.

8. A.J. Hamilton received a commission as "Military Governor of Texas" from President Abraham Lincoln on 11/14/1862. He appears to have served in that capacity continuously until his "reappointment" as "Provisional Governor" by President Andrew Johnson on 6/17/1865. Apparently Johnson used the term reappointment because Hamilton was already serving as military governor.

9. Administration terminated by fall of Confederacy.
10. Resigned to serve in Confederate Army.
11. Resigned due to state's secession from Union.
12. Resigned in 1869.
13. Resigned to occupy vacant U.S. Congress seat.

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